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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE (REF A) FIVE PEOPLE WHO DIS-
APPEARED IN AUGUST 1979 SUDDENLY WERE ALLOWED TO CONTACT THEIR
FAMILIES IN LATE DECEMBER. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT
THE LAST PHONE CALL FROM ANY OF THE AUGUST DISAPPEARED TO
A RELATIVE TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 22, WHEN JOSEFINA VILLAFLO
DE HASSAN SPOKE TO HER FAMILY. AT THAT TIME, SHE REPORTEDLY
TOLD THEM THAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE AND THAT
SHE WOULD BE OUT OF TOUCH FOR A WHILE BUT THEY SHOULD NOT
WORRY. PRIOR TO THIS PHONE CALL, ON FEBRUARY 14, ANOTHER OF THE
AUGUST DISAPPEARED, PABLO LEPISCOPO, CALLED HIS PARENTS TO
SAY THAT HE TOO WOULD BE OUT OF TOUCH FOR A WHILE BUT THAT
THEY SHOULD NOT WORRY. IN FACT, HE SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT
BE ALLOWED TO VISIT HOME ON FEBRUARY 28, A VISIT THAT DID
NOT TAKE PLACE.

3. COMMENT: I AM CONCERNED OVER THE BREAK IN CONTACT BETWEEN THE
AUGUST DISAPPEARED AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE ARE DIRECTLY

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FAMILIAR WITH ANOTHER CASE IN WHICH TWO DISAPPEAREDS HAD REGULARLY BE
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SEEING THEIR FAMILY FOR ALMOST A YEAR. THEN IN LATE 1978 THE

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TWO TOLD THEIR RELATIVES THAT THEY WOULD BE OUT OF TOUCH FOR A WHILE BUT THEY WOULD SOON RESUME THEIR VISITS HOME. IN FACT, THE TWO NEVER AGAIN WERE HEARD FROM AND ARE PROBABLY DEAD.

4. THEREFORE, I AM SEEKING A MEETING THIS WEEK WITH ARMY CHIEF GENERAL GALTIERI TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH HIM. SINCE ONLY THE BRODSKY FAMILY HAS SOUGHT INTERCESSION, I WILL ONLY ADDRESS THEIR CASE SPECIFICALLY. I WILL, HOWEVER, INDIRECTLY RAISE THE OTHERS.

5. AT THE SAME TIME I WILL UNDERLINE OUR CONCERN AT THE THREATENING RUMORS (REF C) WE HAVE HEARD THAT IF THE IAHRC REPORT IS PUBLISHED AS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN, THE GOA MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROTECT SOME OF THE ARGENTINES WHO PRESENTED TESTIMONY. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE RUMORS WERE OFFICIALLY INSPIRED BUT FEEL IT IMPORTANT THAT THE GOA BE BRACED ABOUT THEM.
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